



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Thursday, February 15, 2024

This meeting had a quorum.

The Commission on Health for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via Zoom on Thursday, February 15, 2024

Present

Beth Barrows, Brent Berger, Marcela Campoli, Donna Cawley, Cimo Chen, Rashida Dokes, Susan Emery, Adam Finkelstein, Gabriela Lemus, Adam Lustig, Tatjana Meerman, Joseph Nichols, Milan Patel, Cesar Perez, Venchele Saint Dic, Betty Smith, Arthur Summerville

Absent

Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Laurel Fain, Dr. Davis (non-voting member), Tara Clemons Johnson (non-voting member)

DHHS Staff

Meghan Sontag

Guest

Kristin Cummings, County Council

Presentations

No presentations occurred.

General Business

- A. Welcome
 - a. The meeting commenced with a welcome from Susan Emery
- B. Approval of January Minutes. January minutes were reviewed and approved.
- C. Additional volunteers for minute taking were confirmed. New schedule to be shared with Commissioners.
- D. Three advocacy letters were approved to send to County Council.

New Business

- E. Commissioner Arthur Summerville reported on coordination of advocacy meetings with Council members.



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- F. Council Advocacy Committee members finalized for visits to Council members regarding FY 2025 budget, (Dates and times to be finalized)
- G. Names of Council members to be contacted include the members of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee; Gabe Albornoz (Chair), Laurie- Ann Sayles and Dawn Luedtke.
- H. Commissioners to attend meeting with Councilmember Albornoz: Betty, Arthur, Gabriela, Cesar and Sue.
- I. Commissioners to attend meeting with Councilmember Luedtke: Cimo, Adam, Milan, Rashida and Sue.
- J. Commissioners to attend meeting with Councilmember Sayles: Arthur, Gabriela, Venchele, Sue, Brent and Tatjana on 3/14/24.
- K. Commissioner Beth Barrows reported for Retreat Planning Committee: In person meeting proposed by committee. Discussion of location then Vote taken for meeting location: Hybrid meeting approved.
- L. Template criteria provided by committee for priorities to be submitted by 3/1/24.
- M. Retreat date- Thursday 3/21/24 5pm at DHHS and online Zoom.
- N. Discussion of prior submissions related to Environmental Health, Access to Care and Health Care Administration
- O. Sue outlined responsibilities of COH Commissioner to sit on the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board (MCAB); Elections in June for officers, request for volunteers on nominating committee.

Adjourn

ACTIONS

Motion to approve minutes. A MOTION was made by Gabriela Lemus to approve the January 18th meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Berger. The minutes were unanimously approved by all present Commissioners. One Commissioner joined after this action.

Motion to approve Advocacy Letters to County Executive. A MOTION was made by Joey Nichols to approve the 3 advocacy letters: Public Health Administration, Access to Care and Environmental. The motion was seconded by Gabriela Lemus. The letters to Council were unanimously approved by all present Commissioners. One Commissioner joined after this action.

Motion to approve meetings with Councilmembers Albornoz, Sayles and Luedtke on separate days/times virtually to discuss the FY25 COH requests. A MOTION was made by Cimo Chen. The motion was seconded by Gabriela Lemus. Three separate meetings with Councilmembers Albornoz, Sayles and Luedtke were unanimously approved by all present Commissioners.



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COH Retreat. A vote was conducted to determine if the March Commission on Health Retreat will be held in person only, virtually only or hybrid. Ten Commissioners voted to hold the retreat in hybrid format, reaching quorum.

Motion to approve COH Retreat Guest Presenter Councilmember Albornoz. A MOTION was made by Beth Barrows to ratify the virtual vote that approved inviting Councilmember Albornoz to be the guest presenter at the March COH retreat. The motion was seconded by Milan Patel. This vote was unanimously approved by all present Commissioners.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. A MOTION was made by Gabriela Lemus to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Venchele Saint Dic. Chair adjourned the meeting.